

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE

SPECIALIST TRAINING AVAILABLE

SPRING DANCE AT COPLEY PLAZA

Opportunities for specialist trai ning in some lines is open to men who meet the specifications set forth in a District personnel bulletin dated 15 March.

Men desiring to take specialist training may do so if they meet the specifications set forth, and it is the policy of the DCGO to fill all quotas for specialist training with excess personnel attached to the district.

Right now the district complement is such that in most cases only petty officers, BM2c and Cox. may be assigned to such training. Seamen can apply for this training and the DCGO promises that their applications will be "given every consideration possible."

Here is the list of schools avai lable: Aerographer Primary Course, Electrician's Mate, Student Radio, Radar Operator's. Radio Technician, Water tenders, Dog Sentry. Eligible for the above schools are men in M class over 35 years of age, who are not first class or Chiefs (except Sp(D) and who have no physical defects which snow, rain, cold, heat or vigorous exercise might aggra-

A three weeks course in Loran is also offered and non-rated men (except apprentice seamen) are wanted, However, rated men too may apply for this course with the exception formation about these courses are advised to get in touch with Personnel.

Surpassing all previous social affairs of Constitution Base will be a Spring Dance and Buffet supper to be held on Thursday, 12 April at the Cop ley Plaza hotel, under the auspicies of the Coast Guard Repair Base Morale Fund. The scene of this equinoctial function will be the Copley's beautiful main ballroom, and never before, in the Base's widely diversified roster of entertainments has there been anything to compare with this festive occasion.

The Repair Base invites all officers and enlisted personnel attached to Constitution Wharf to attend this gala affair.

The admission to the party will be free, but all persons attending will be required to have a ticket which will be issued to them by the dance committee. This ticket will entitle each Coast Guardsman to invite his wife or girl friend, and each Spar to invite her husband or boy friend.

A sumptuous buffet supper will be served during the course of the evening, which will be prepared and served by the hotal staff. There will be no entertainment other than dancing for which music will be furnished by the famous Coast Guard Port of Boston Band.

Under the chairmanship of Chief John Lyons, a dance committee representing each section of the Base has been organized and is busily occupied in making arrangements for the BIG NIGHT. Its members a are: Betty Miller SK2c and P.B. McNamara SK2c of the Repair Base, Chiefs Tom Bevin's and Garnett Reed of the Operating Base. John Harrington SKlc and Geraldine Bullock Y2c of the Finance Office and Henry Fuller, SpXlc from Engineering.

Because of the new curfew ruling it is advised that guests arrive early so that as much time as possible may be had for the enjoyment of the evening. Dress will be informal. Those attending are of these rates: RT, RM, EM, WT, AerM, cautioned to hold their numbered ticket stubs for FC, PhM, MM. Men seeking further in- identification and for a War Bond door-prize draw-

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GOOD FRIDAY

Of all the assemblies that ever convenes that which the Christian world holds on Good Friday is certainly the most remarkable. On that day the followers of Jesus the world over come together to rehearse the tragic tale of His Passion and death. Were He a mere man the spectacle of a whole world continuing for nineteen centuries to keep annually this bitter memorial would be one for which no human wisdom could account. That men commemorate the victories of their heroes is not to be wondered at, but what nation or people robes itself in mourning and weeps annually over their wounds? A nation may chant for its noble dead a solemn dirge for a few years, but where is the hero whose loss all the world bewails for centuries as it does the death of Jesus Christ? If He Whose death the world mourns for nineteen centuries, covering with its kisses and tears the very symbol of His

Passion -- if He be not more than man, then then the recurring memorial of Good Friday down the centuries is the strangest and most inexplicable mystery the world has ever witnessed.

Yathu Lavry

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - CATHOLIC

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

- Mass at 1205.... No Mass permitted on Good
Friday or Holy Saturday.... Stations of the
Cross will be held at 1145 on Good Friday.

.... Confessions for Easter will be heard
Holy Saturday from 1000 to 1230.... Strict
abstinence (no meat allowed) must be observed Good Friday and Holy Saturday until noon

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - PROTESTANT

Fifteen-minute Lenten meditations for Protestants will be held daily at 1235. Monday through Friday of Holy Week, in the Chap el, 2nd deck, Bldg. 1.

PASSOVER - FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

Passover, the Jewish festival of freedom which begins the evening of 28 March, commem orates a great and dramatic event in the his tory of the Jewish people - their deliverand from Egyptian bondage. Yet it has a broader meaning as well. For men in all generations it has been a symbol of their own quest for liberty, and a promise that the freedom they desire can be won. Pharoah, so regarded, is not merely one ancient tyrant - he is all tyrants. From his defeat men take confidence that they can break the chains which bind them. And now news comes from Europe that the chains have again been broken and that for the first time in 12 years, since the Nazis began their cruel persecution of the Jews. the feast of Passover will be observed on German soil.

In Boston arrangements have been made to assist service people of the Jewish faith in observing the eight-day festival. The Associated Synagogues of Greater Boston have opened a Kosher restaurant under Rabbinic supervision for Passover at 9½ Harrison Ave. Sedar services will be conducted on both nights of Passover free to military personnel, and meal will be served daily at a minmum charge.

Reservations for the Sedar services will be granted at 262 Washington St., Room 31,

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TRANSIT LOCK

The Transit Locker, in the basement of Bldg.4 is one of the busiest spots on this reservation and perhaps the least known. Under the direction of J.S. Downey, Lt(jg) this department receives and ships all kinds of equipment requisitioned by Units and Ships located from the Shores of Greenland to the Pacific waters.

An average of 200,000 pounds of freight each month is received here by a crew consisting of Johnnie Blocksidge, Larry Tierney and Levi May. Working in conjunction with the Transit Locker are Bill Schubert for the Radio Lab. and big Al D'urso taking care of all ordnance material.

After supplies have been received and carefully checked they are receipted for by Spar Carole Eichas and sent into the shipping room for stowage until an availability is completed. Under the supervision of Mike Fortunato who is assistted by Himan Stern and A. Jameil, this transaction is efficiently and speedily accomplished.

Last but for sure not least, is the office crew ander Chief Love (who by the way just completed a trip down the center aisle with lovely Ensign Florence Halpern). In the office the paper work and records are seen to by such folks as Lloyd Wilcox, Spars Helen Winner, Margaret Crouch and Betty Martin. Another very important member of this gang, (though not on the payroll) is the 'dooer could not function. It does all the vital war materials and in a pinch is whizzed around by Mr. Downey in person. (for you who don't know what a "doodle bug" is, like myself, its a small truck for moving freight). So here's flowers and Easter bunnies to you folks in the 'Bilges' of Bldg.4 - keep:up the good work and we'll let you know when we need



PASSOVER - Cont'd fm Page 2 Tel. Lafayette 5764. Home hospitality will also be extended to servicemen by the Army and Navy Committee of the Boston Jewish Welfare Board

Musical Notes

"FIRSTS" IN THE BAND.

A record can be surpassed but a "first" is always with you:

Jack Cunningham of Brookline, Mass., is first to marry a Spar - Bette Kapp of Cleve-

land, Ohio.

Joe Anstett of Detroit, Michigan, is the first man to complete three interesting yrs. in the Coast Guard. Joe served on the Cutter MUSKEGET for several months and was fortunate enough to be transferred off the ship before it was reported missing in action. He has advanced himself to the rate of Musician first class and set another mark - the first man to be the father of two boys.

Harold Taylor of Cinncinnati, Ohio, is the first to be the father of two girls.

David Weisman of the Brong, New York, is the first to qualify for the Blood Donor Gallon Club.

Ray Michand of Nashua, N.H. and Henry Fletcher of Providence, R.I. are the first "torch-blowers" to harmonize to the rhythm of the buzz-bombs while in London.

Kenneth Eldredge of Chatham is the first rated musician to jive on the glockenspiel

in a military band.

Arthur Ariloff of Brooklyn is the first man to make an oboe puff smoke. He uses any kind of home-made tobacco.

These Easter Days the band is bringing a new popularity to the name of the Coast Guard with performances of religious music.

The Roving Reporter of Ordnance Supply dle bug' and without it the Transit Lock- has been doing a little investigating and has found out that the two Spars who have been Gunner's Mate strikers for over a yr. have made their ratings. They, incidentally are the first Gunner's Mate Spars in the First Naval District. A salute to Marion E. Coughlin and Jean E. Hadley That Peggy (Sparrow) King is all excited because a cartain ship came in. There is no holding her now. She says she is not responsible for her you no more. (what kind of a crack is that?) 'vacant stares' these days That Sawyer became a proud daddy of a 5-lb. baby boy about two weeks ago The general attitude of most of us up here now that Spring is coming, is to be outside and take in some of that good sunshine. Some day we hope this war will be over and that the sun will be shining in our hearts and the world will be free to look upon the sun once again 'Tis a bit of good old-fashioned Irish Luck we're wishin' ye, and don't forget, if ye can't be good, be as good as ye can'

OPERATING BASE

- - - By Pat Cline

Well, here I am back again with a little bit of this and that ... Last week we lost a swell fellow. Chief Robert Grindel. "Bob" as he was known to all of us was a great guy, always listened to our troubles and shared our laughs. It is hard to find the appropriate words to say when you lose a fellow like Bob and so I am sure that if I just say, "Good luck to you, Bob" he will know that I am speaking for the whole gango . . Although we lost a chief we also gained a new one, new to us, but certainly not new to the service. We wish to welcome into our midst Chief Joseph B. Rice, who came to us from the USS Hingham, We extend a hearty welcome to you, Chief and hope your stay with us will be a long and

happy one.

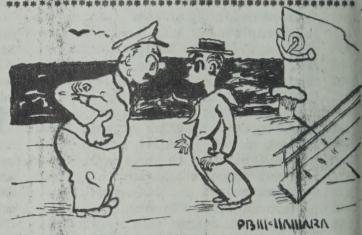
Every time I saw CBM Melvin Living stone of the CGR-811 come into the office I expected to see him on crutches, Mel has become an ardent ski fan, and although he says he never got around to going skiing he does have the outfit. When next winter rolls around, Mel, and you still want to go skiing, look up James Carroll BMlc of the CG-54011, he knows all the tricks. . . . Bob Marr BMlc of the CG-64011 has been growing a beard since before Christmas. Just recently an officer wanted to know if there had been a shortage of razor blades on board, oh, well, anyway to make a long story short, Bob doesn't have his beautiful beard anymore, . . Bill El-Isworth Cox, of the CGR-811 and backbone of the boat, so the Skipper tells me, became the proud poppa of a seven-pound boy Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth, . . Bill Jenkins BMlc of the CGR-812 brightens our office up every once in while, must be quite a morale builder for the crew if his smile and good humor are as perpetual on board as they are while he is in the office, . Would like to ask right about here where Sam Baugh BM2c of the CG-38523 gets such fancy mufflers. They are white and blue, or sometimes red and white and have some of the oddest names on them.

Seems as though we all pick on Texas Voorhis, me because I can always find something to write about her, and the rest of the gang because of the accent she has which she says she picked up the six weeks she was in Florida. . . Johnny Friberg is

a mightly sad fellow these days for his wife and son have returned to their home. Mary Raymond SK2c departed on leave Friday and she and her husband, Lieut. George Raymond of the Army shall spend their leaves to gether, possibly the last for the duration for both are awaiting overseas orders. . Don Allard SK1c tells me he is going on a diet and he shall exclude pretzels from his diet. How many calories per day will that be, Don? . . . William Beck BM1c of Company A became a father of a baby boy last week. We could almost start a "Father's Club" over here so many of the fellows are becoming fathers—and all having sons, too.

I know all the fellows of the companies and the boats read the Silver Shield and so if any of you have anything that you would like to appear in print, stop in and see me,

will you?



"For the last time, Snyder, sailor straws are not prescribed in regulations;"

HEALY MAKES RECORD SCORE AT RANGE

Shattering all previous revolver records at the small arms range, J.G. Healy, Sp2c. of the Operating Base, made the score of 473 out of 430 on an S&W 22 cal, revolverduring a two-day course. Healy dropped 3 points at 50 feet slow fire, 4 points at 50 feet time fire, and ran two possibles out of 120 point each at 30 feet time fire and rapid fire. The possibles were the smallest ever shot on the small arms range with a revolver.

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NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

THE PAY OFFICE

Wedding bells sure are ringing out in this department - Jessie Schaffer and Eddie Greenfield will tie the knot March 25th. That's a romance that bloomed right in the office...George Newman is taking the big step on 18 March, and we also hear that Chief Zayac is making plans but hasnt decided on a date yet. Hurry up, Chiefa...

Everyone in the office is thankful that Spring is on the way so we can open the windows and no longer be asphixlated with the fumes of "CApt." Don Wescott 's

cigars.

Two of our Spars, Gert Prescott and Dottie Book, are enjoying a 10-day leave and will no doubt be all rested up for the big rush in business this Spring.... Harold Gowey, new section head for the Receiving Station desk, hasn't started going around tearing his hair yet, but we expect it any day.

We were all surprised when Arlene Merrill w red for an extension on her leave because she had been married, Best wishes

Arlene.

Ward Smith has a problem. His girl friend is coming on from Detroit to visit him, but that's not the problem; she's bringing along her girl friend. Don't worry, Smitty, the Boston gobs will take



Did everyone hear what happened to
Anne Mosher on her afternoon off? She went
home and slept and when she awoke her clock had stopped, so she called the operator
to get the time. She was told that it was
7:30 so she hopped a cab and came to work
and sat patiently at her desk - but no one
else came to work. Then she called her mother to ask if the war was over. Her mom
told her she had better go back to bed as
it was 8:15 in the evening. Cheer up, may
be the next time war will be really over.

We were all glad to see Marietta Weeks back from sick leave and hope she likes

her new job in the Pay Office.

SUPPLY DEPOT

Welcome to Virginia Owens SK3c, who recently arrived from Palm Beach, to our Special Winter Clothing Section....Lorraine Knarr spent 3 days skiing at North Conway. "No spills were taken", says she.

Kay Lemin is to be thanked by her fellow Spars workers for the lovely lunch they all enjoyed with Lew Jenkins, ex-light weight champion, now BM2c in the CG. Naturally he's from Texas....Marjorie Robinson Sea2c is not at all happy about the discharge she is a-

bout to be granted.

Fondest hopes of Helen Tucker and Mary Grady were realized when two of their favorite aviators appeared on the home scene. Helen's handsome Irish friend, Jimmy, recently lost his carrier in the Pacific, so he's home for reassignment. Mary's long awaited brother John is home en route to the west coast after instructing less expert fighter pilots in Deland, Fla.

Leland Kneisel will be settling down to a fine correspondence with an ensign on an LSD (D for Dock). She is not happy about it

she prefers the recent get-togethers.

Anne Gifford, nee Vermilya, grabbed at the chance to wear white. She made the trip down the aislein St. Luke's Church, Forest Hills, Long Island, on 3 March. Her husband is an aeronautical engineer at Jacksonville's Naval air station, so she's looking for a mutual to that vicinity.

Carroll Bratt is at the Chelsea Naval hospital. He is very much missed in his de-

partment, they hope he hurries back.



DISTRICT COMMISSARY'S Carolyn Jasensky SK2c reported back from leave with a diamond and a wedding ring. She was married on 25 January to Delbert C. Evenger Bkr. USN in Terre Haute, Indiana......Congratulations to John C. Field Skic who has been accepted for OCS.

* ON 2 APRIL THE SPAR CLOTHING LOCKER

*WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON THE 3RD DECK OF

*BUILDING 4. THE HOURS FOR ISSUE WILL BE

*FROM 0800 - 1630 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

BASE AND

DISTRICT () BY ROY MERRITT

ICEMEN DRAW WITH CHAMPS

A luck-annointed fluke goal was the factor which enabled the outclassed, league leading Raytheon club to tie the count against a Constitution Base sextet which out played, outfought, and outskated the Industrial League champions throughout the entire clambake.

After leading all the way the Coast Guardsmen, whose aggressive style of play left the Raytheon wingmen hanging on the ropes, found themselves out in front by a 3 to 2 margin with but seconds to play. It was at this juncture that Dame Fortune stepped in and it may be attributed to her fickle nature that a Hool igan inadvertently kicked the puck just far enough into his own cage, much to Goalie John Randall's surprise, thereby providing the Raytheon outfit with a very tainted marker , which the not-too-impartial referee blessed with his official sanction, as the Coasty-Toasties and several thous and spectators roared in pro-

Thus the Flying Icemen from Constitution Base close their season on the ice as the best club in the Boston Industrial Hockey League, despite the fact that the league gonfalon went to Raytheon,

For the Basemen, Barry, Chambers, and Byrne scored, Chambers tally being of the unassisted variety. Incidently it may be mentioned here that the entire Raytheon scoring of the evening was perpetrated with the Guardsmen's second line in the fray, with the firsts taking a much needed breather, Lady Luck frowned on the Coasties all nightas three of Captain Byrnes hard-driven shots caromed off the uprights at the rim of the webbing. The lineup?

G. Randall, 1:1w, Chambers; rw, Webber; c, Byrne; ld, Lampke; rd, Barry, Spares; Rookwood, Sherlock, Francis,

JUST AROUND THE CORNER



A spiked-shoe squadron representing the Repair Base will take the field in the near future as cup contenders in a Service League to be formed in the Boston area, Teams representing Charlestown Navy Yard, Fargo Barracks, Chelsea Naval Hospital, Navy Yard Annex, and others will form the nucleous of this fast-moving future veterans' league. At this writing several meetings have been held and, with a break from the weatherman, practice should commence within a week.

Candidates are urgently requested to try out. If you have a mean curve, can sorint like a grayhound (or elephant), or can smack the ole pill, come out and show us your stuff, See Lieut, Scully or Chief Donovan

without delay.

GUARDSMEN SWAMP SQUANTUM

Chief William (Bingo) MacMahon's Boston Coast Guard Five chalked up its 22nd win of the season in a pleasurable fracas with Don Elser's Squantum NAS club, the result of which was a 60 to 44 triumph for the Hooligans.

Spotts, Walsh, and Luchsinger with 10 tallies apiece provided an even half of the Coasties' total. Strzelecki, sadly enough, after a hot 25 point night against the Pawtucket Boys Club, slumped miserably as he netted a mere 21 markers to show the

The victory was a happy one for Mac-Mahon's troupe for, the rivalry between the two clubs is acute, and as Elser's face lengthened, Mac's ruddy countenance lit up like Columbus Day on Hanover St. -- and the Coasties rolled along.

Taggart bid high for the Air Base with 14 points. Line-up: Strzelecki, rf; De-ery, lf; Spotts, c; Walsh, rg; Luchsing-er; Donahoe, lg; Clayton.

OTHER RECENT VICTIMS OF THE BCG: Pawtucket Boys Club. Otis Field. Hingham Navel Ammunition

Depot.

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ITUTION'S PUCKSTERS:
United Car-Fastener.
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PATTON AGAIN

In case you didn't happen to catch it in the local dailies, the Latest Gen. George S. Patton story goes some thing like this:

GEN. PATTON TO SOLDIER:

"Why didn't you salute me soldier?"

SOLDIER: "I didn't see

you, sir."
GEN. PATTON: "O that's all right; I was afraid you were mad at me."
Editorially it might be added that at the rate Gen. Patton's men are traveling it would seem that there was very little time for saluting.

Round-up

Things that worry me.
Why do they always pick
the coldest day of the month
to take hinges off of doors

change boilers and such things?... Whatever happened to the box the carpenter shop built for the Ordnance Dept., then couldn't git it out the door?

Guess blue will be good agin this Easter, won't it? No specials at Jim Heardon's store, I reckon. We used to be proud of our blue serge suit and the way it glistened in the light, but we can't seem to get these G.I.'s to glow so good.

Anything in regulations about grabbing a guy's throat on the fifth deck that snores like a P.T. boat?... Hope someone finds our Gene Autry button, we feel sorta lost without it.

We just found our sack after fruitless days of searching, and then

what happens? Along comes some guy and changes the number of the darn thing. We give up - and now where did you hide the locker!

We hate to disappoint that feller in the chow hall who put up the sign "Put extra butter here", but guess we're just plain greedy with our small slug.

Who was who said, "In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to love and things, and us old men just turn"?

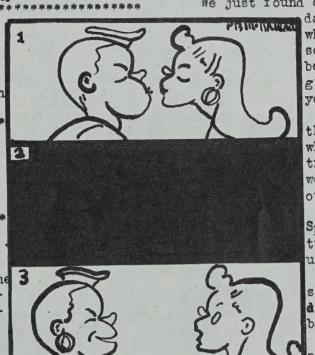
Now that the basketball season is about over, I wonder if better lighting will be installed?

For health's sake is it a good idea to keep winter drawers on 'til white hat time.

I GOTTA GIT.

OUTDOOR RANGE TO OPEN

On 10 March the indoor Small Arms range was closed and on 2 April the outdoor range at Wakefield will once again be open for out door training.



NOW HEAR THIS

Soundest sleeper in the Base is Joseph Pattrick Freeman SKlc. His snores disturbed some of his shipmates and so four of them picked up his mattress with Joe still in repose, and conveyed it to another section of the berth deck. This little nocturnal jaunt didn't even awaken Joe. The bearers refused to divulge their names. ... MOLLIE CORIN didn't get that deep, deep tan from any sun-lamp, she spent her 12-day leave at Miami beach ... SPRING IS IN THE AIR and has already effected Jimmie Byrne BM2c who has popped the question to Marion Gournley of Haverhill Mass. and has received a favorable reply Al D'Urso GMlc slipped a rock on the finger of his best gal in Lawrence, Mass. last Sunday .. AND YET ANOTHER - Elizabeth Shay Sea2c one of our 'number please' gals, was standing in the Base's main passageway when up comes John Hamel Sealc and pops a ring on her finger. It really wasn't as sudden as all that though, we understand he'd been working around to that for some time. A COUPIA MORE suggestions from some of our ever observant citizens: A shoeshine s stand in the Rec Huall - nice concession for sombody. And how about issuing paper napkins at chow? ... MILTON SCHEIFER Sealc of the Galley (and former Galley slave) said, "I do" to Lillian Kushner in Brooklyn. They were married on 11 March ... PIERCE CHAPPELL CMlc center-

aiseed it with BArbara Walker o of Riverside, R.I. on 1 Feb. Ed Gross M M2c of the Wharf got married too but we haven not his brides' name at hand. PROUD PAPA is Gane Arata Mage whose son Victor was born on 10 March. The office cat gets her brkfst

ea, morning

K.DhaeneSp3

thanks to



WED 28 Mar. "SALTY O'ROURKE" Ladd ... Gail Russell

FRI 30 Mar. "SUDAN" .. Maria Montez.. Jon Hall.

SAT 31 Mar. "THE HOUSE OF FEAR" ... Basil Rathbone ... Neigle Bruce SUN 1 April "A ROYAL SCANDAL" .. Tallu-

lah Bankhead ... AnneBaxter ... MON 2 April " A ROYAL SCANDAL"

WED 4 April "A SONG TO REMEMBER" .. Paul Muni, Merle Oberon, Oscar Wilde

FRI 6 April "THUNDERHEAD" . . Rita Johnson and Preston Foster

SUN 8 April "TONIGHT AND EVERYNIGHT" .. Rita Hayworth, Leo Bowman.

MON 9 April "TONIGHT AND EVERYNIGHT" ..

WED 11 April

FRI 13 April "WHAT A BIONDE". Leon Errol SUN 15 April "WITHOUT LOVE" .. Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

KNOW THE ONE WELLIAS I LIVE AND BREATHE AND IN THE COAS GEORGE HOOPER -- AND IN THE COAST YOU KNOW I ENVY YOU-H C THE MARINES rted the old broom FACTORY INTO WAR PRO-DUCTION THEY TOLD MY PLACE WAS WITH THEM - SO I QUESS MAYBE BLAH --- BLAH -- . BLAH-THE GUY WHO TRIED TO GET IN. P.B. III HAIIARA

MON 16 April Same WED 18 NO SHOW FRI 18 NO SHOW SUN 22 "ENCHANTED COTTAGE MON 23 SAme WED 25 FRI 27 "HERE COMES

THE COEDS". Abbot and Costello.

This Is No Bunk-Theure Some BUNKS!

New steel bunks have been installed in Bldg 1, guaranteed to eliminate that tired feeling. The boys are so delighted that they can hardly wait until 4:30 for more delightful slumber